

DKB Testimony

Good morning, Chairman Cotter and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am Diane Bollman, and I have had the privilege of being the Executive Director of the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians for over twenty years. MCEP represents over 1600 practicing emergency physicians across the State of Michigan. Emergency Medicine has a rich history here in this great State, as John Wiegenstein, a physician at St. Lawrence Hospital here in Lansing, founded the American College of Emergency Physicians which went on to form the ground work for the creation of the 27th Specialty – Emergency Medicine.

As the birthplace of emergency medicine, we have 27 Emergency Medicine Residency Programs – more than any other state with the exception of California!

MCEP respectfully requests your support of HB4354, The Access to Quality Emergency Care Act. This bill will increase access to a full continuum of care for our patients. This is not a new concept as seven states currently have these protections in place. The College authored a White Paper which identifies these

states and focuses on the two states, Georgia & Texas, who have had these laws in place for the longest period of time.

I would like to introduce Drs. Baker and Traill, who will explain to you why this Bill is important to them and most importantly, to the patients we serve. Dr. Baker....